

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0001] This application claims the benefit of French Application No. 02 116655 filed on December 24, 2002 and of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/439,803 filed on January 14, 2003, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein.

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0009] The present invention is specifically directed towards ~~proposing~~ compositions of foundation type, especially for making up the skin, which are free of this side effect and which are more particularly suitable for making up dark skins and in particular black or mixed-race skins.

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0010] In particular, the present invention is directed towards ~~proposing-a~~ composition of foundation type for dark skins, which advantageously affords, in combination, uniformity of coloration between the various areas of the face, especially the forehead, the bags under the eyes and the cheekbones, and a lightening effect that is virtually or even totally free of a greyish effect. This results in a more natural makeup effect on the made-up individual.

Please replace paragraph [0044] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0044] An illustration of these surface treatments that may be mentioned especially is the treatment consisting in treating the pigment with a hydrophobic and oil-repellant agent of perfluoroalkyl phosphate derivative type, as described in EP 1 086 683.

Please replace paragraph [0121] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0121] The esters of acidic monomers are advantageously chosen from (meth)acrylic acid esters (also known as (meth)acrylates), especially alkyl (meth)acrylates, in particular of a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>30</sub> alkyl and preferably a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl, aryl (meth)acrylates, in

particular of a C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl, and hydroxyalkyl (meth)acrylates, in particular of a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> hydroxyalkyl.

Please replace paragraph [0127] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0127] Examples of amides of the acidic monomers that may be mentioned include (meth)acrylamides, and especially N-alkyl(meth)acrylamides, in particular of a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> alkyl. Among the N-alkyl (meth)acrylamides that may be mentioned are N-ethylacrylamide, N-t-butylacrylamide, N-t-octylacrylamide and N-undecylacrylamide.

Please replace paragraph [0148] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0148] These copolymers may be crosslinked using crosslinking agents, which have the aim [lacuna], which may be either of the vinyl type or of the allylic or methallylic type, such as tetraallyloxyethane, divinylbenzene, divinyl octanedioate, divinyl dodecanedioate, and divinyl octadecanedioate.

Please replace the Abstract with the attached amended Abstract.